

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND 1333 ISAAC HULL AVE SE WASHINGTON NAVY YARD DC 20376-0001

IN REPLY REFER TO

5720 Ser 00A5/DON-NAVY-2017-003489 April 15, 2017

Mr. Kenneth Maloney MiNO Marine, LLC 119 Causeway Blvd. Jefferson, LA 70121

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CASE DON-NAVY 2017-003489

Dear Mr. Maloney:

This is a final response to your October 15, 2016, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you seek an electronic copy of the LCU 1700 Design Study and Analysis Report and any attached files delivered to the Navy in 2016 under contract number N00024-16-C-2452.

A search of this Headquarters files was conducted and as a result of that search, were able to locate the requested LCU 1700 Design Study and Analysis Report.

I considered your request under the FOIA (5 U.S.C. 552), as amended, and the Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5720.42F. After careful review of the requested documents, I determined that some portions of them contain information that is prohibited from disclosure under FOIA exemptions (b)(3).

Exemption 3 requires the withholding of information prohibited from disclosure by another statute provided that the statute "(A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld." 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3).

Title 10 U.S.C. §130b prohibits release of the names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of Department of Defense (DoD) personnel assigned to an overseas, sensitive or routinely deployable unit. Redacted names in these documents relate personnel in sensitive positions.

Further, FOIA exemption (b) (6) prohibits disclosure of personal information when an individual's privacy interest in it outweighs any public interest. A copy of the releasable portions of the requested information is attached as an enclosure.

I am the official responsible for the decision regarding your request. Because the requested records have been denied, you may consider this an adverse determination that may be appealed in writing.

You may submit a written administrative appeal of my decision to the Office of General Counsel, Department of the Navy, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532 Washington, DC 20350-1000. Your appeal must have a copy of this letter enclosed and must be received by the General Counsel within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please add the words "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" to both your administrative appeal and to the envelope. Send a copy of your letter, to the Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command (SEA 00A5), 1333 Isaac Hull Avenue, SE, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20376-1021.

There are no assessable fees for processing your request as fees were below the threshold for requiring payment. However, fees are assessed on a case-by-case basis and you may be charged fees for future requests.

If you have any questions concerning the status of your request, please contact Mr. Damon Purifory by telephone 202-781-4969 and cite the case number provided above. You can also email us at navseafoia@navy.mil.

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Enclosure